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Sunday May 1

Dear Mamma;

Your postal came last night and I suppose the wait must be on it's way. When I think of you - busy with new houses, with Richard - with your own work - and making a whole wait for me - it makes me feel like an idiot. - It seems as if I ought to write two or three college songs - get A's in everything - but "poor me" I can't write a college song to save my life - - -

I suppose that since you are so near to the church you can go all the time! B. Clara and I decided not to this morning so after I had studied Kiborish all that I wanted to, we took paper and pencil and went out of door. I can't the air soft and lovely - and don't you just go down to the wharf this moonlight night and let your feet hang over and watch the waves!!! It would be great!

Well - Clara and I walked down to the north that floor from the upper lake and saw a Phoebe sitting on her nest and then

We went ² just say up Prospect Hill and
sat down to write letters. It was very
still and the sun went in so that the
wind seemed cool and we were here
about 11:00.

Lucy made the fussiest fuss last night
lay unconsciously - As we stopped at one
of the girls' rooms and she was all dressed for
dinner except tying up her shoes. She said
something about it as she stopped to tie them
up and Lucy said - "Not that we want
you to do them up - but they look so
untidy -" Weren't that good? & Lucy

noticed it.

There Elder has invited Clara & me to
supper to-night. B. Friday night I
needed stockings for 1 hr. -! Who'd ever thought
it possible!

I have had my physical exam and
altho I haven't grown any taller I have
improved in almost every thing else.
I have gained 9 lbs. in weight.
My chest is higher; it's girth is greater;

My arms are larger, ³ and all my strength teeth
are better.

Capacity of lungs - 230 - Isn't that good?
Elsie has also improved in everything
About a collar for the waist. I think that
I will have a plain one and just a piece
of illusion at the front or back. I can
make it surely, if you will send material.
I don't want you to do another thing.

Is your chair pretty? We all hunted
all over the catalogue before Hattie could decide
which one to take and she was so pleased about
it. She's a treasure. In fact you all
are - How could mamma have such
a family !!! ~~Love~~ L.B.B.

Now is Ethel Finney.

Kiss Richard for me. Wish I could see
you all to-day.

Hope you advise my new writing
paper. I have decided to economize on
penn. later. ~~Love~~

Reverently & love.
L.B.B.

I haven't written to mamma

as if you'll give her the money that one if there is
any. I'd be glad to. Love.

Dear Marion,
Aunt Lela is sending you \$5. and I
am sending you \$10. for you to get your coat ^{as you} ~~and~~ you
take that truck ride, ^{but to get it at a low rate.} However you may prefer to
meet little Charles and come down with him after I come.
rather than take the cold ride.
We shall expect him Dec. 27, or 28, or 30.

Now this \$10. was to have been the Xmas present
for the family and I was going to buy -

{ 2 mercerized table cloths 2 x 2. @ 1.50.
1 aluminum ^{to} kettle. 1.85 H. D. & S. Th.
1 other pan or double boiler
Sauce tins etc

Now if Tom will either get the money for
your coat you use the \$10. to buy those things
please. If I hear he, I would draw it
from bank even, in order to keep my word.

If Tom cannot keep his promise, you
use this money for the coat, and I will
write Tom and ask him if he will not
make it good by buying the Xmas presents.

I want to write a long letter but have
no time. It is awfully good to get home.
Baby has been very good. Aunt Lela has, of
course, been invaluable. Baby sleeps most of
the time - has not waked any night.

Please give the boys my love, I wish they

could have seen him. I know how they
wanted to. Their turn will come.

The auto on Mon - was only 3.00 for
everything!

Thank you so very much for
all you did.

~~Tell the kiddies their time present
is partly on that 10.00. I believe Dick
I. must have something waiting. Better not
mention it.~~

Must stop with love,
Lottie.

A very many Loves to you & six
everyone. Wish you could all
be here, but I suppose it is
absolutely impossible. I am very
grateful for my visit with you.

L.
Hope Jan has given you your 2 very much.
You had better wait & see.

Dear Marion,
I certainly did appreciate your last long letter. You do much better than I about letter writing!

Now - before I go any further, let me get rid of this idea that has been working in my brain. Elsie and I want to add our bit to those heavy hospital expenses, and so I am enclosing a check for \$5. But I have been wondering if we could not make a more permanent investment. This is my proposition. Let me send you another \$5. worth of drawn work, and you have it on hand to show to callers and friends - to sell. All profits to go - to you. That \$5. of a being at least 1000, 5.00 of which you could return to me for 'more' etc. etc.

Now my reasons:

- (1) It is the easiest way in the world to make money. Known by experience. (Not thinking of mistakes)
- (2) The drawn work is something of which many people are wild about and the demand increases rather than decreases. (no interest of course)
- (3) People come to you for it - and you do not have to seek them after the first.
- (4) I can give you small things suitable for Xmas and birthday presents.
- (5) You are really doing a favor to people by giving them opportunity to get hold of such things.
- (6) Friends tell other friends about it.

{ Keep a little note-book in which you record all receipts of linen or lace. prices. duty - postage & description. Also orders. Count on six months to fill orders.

If you approve the idea. save enough out of this first \$5. to pay the duty on the second \$5. I send.

Many people have made heaps of money - laugh to raise buildings by sale of drawn work. As a starter I am going to send you 5 yds. of telling - no duty. Then you can write me

whether you disapprove the idea or not.

From time to time I may enclose a small piece in a letter and you may save it to do - if you do not care to sell them, you can have for any further directions. It could use them at some time.

This tatting you may sell at .16 a yard. Is that about right for price? It is what we would charge you here. If you find great difficulty in selling at that price - you could make it .15 - or even .14 if pressed to it. There is 6 3/4 yards here.

It will be easiest if you keep a little box and count half of each. Perhaps made yours - and half to a net aside to return to me at a future date if any more.

I can order this insertion for baby dresses. ^{notion.} 1/2 lb for 12 yds. It is crocheted.

This tatting such as I send at 1.60 for 12 yards. It is fine for bodice, baby clothes, neck waist, summer dresses, and neck forery.

I don't think the piano will ever be more bother than it is now. Do you know Beethoven's "Sonata" Opus 7. I like it so much - mostly because I can make three parts of it I guess.

I know the Scherzos, so don't bother about those for you mentioned.

So you glad you can sing at church. I am sure it is a joy to all. Wish I could hear you right now. I was playing some sweet songs the other evening.

We have just heard that the "Lucitonia" has been torpedoed! Isn't it terrific!

I am so glad to hear some details and thereby approve of Assurance method. How hard it has been for you. I am sure it have not helped as much as it ought have.

I am glad you can be systematic in payments.
It must be a comfort to know that big bills are not
increasing.

I think it would be too much work for you to
plan a concert - with advertising, tickets, etc. I
know by experience how much it means!!

I think my dream work will prove the easiest
and most profitable way of getting a little money -
altho not as pleasant as a concert or singing lessons.
You try it and see??

I hang you much for Xmas hints & for birthday
eyes - I am so glad to see it.

Love, heaps.

John.

I see that Mary's birthday has just passed -
Best love to her.

Don't John's birthday Nov. 4?

Love again L

Feeling heaps better all last week. Can eat
practically everything now - and can write
and work a little.

In a month or so we go to
hills - but no hot weather yet. Isn't that great!

Dear Marion, ^{24th} Please return
I thank you for offering to write from
your busy days to write me. Eugene's letter was
dear and so was Polly's. and I was glad
to see the songs.

You and Aunt Lett let it to combine in
letters and postage the - three letters from Boston
in 2 days - over 15 - could have come together
for 11¢. The need of writing you all. Excuse
me for mentioning it -

How I did appreciate your letter! It
told me of just the things I wanted to
know. I was mighty glad to send my
letter of last week. I wanted to write you
separately too, but could not get around to
it. Perhaps there will be some things
you wish to write me. If so, I shall be glad.
I feel thankful to have so many competent
doctors from whom to get information.

I feel much as you do about hold on
spiritual things. There is so much power
to be gained, and I have gained so little. I am
so glad that your health continues fairly
well. Try not to worry and try to keep

out. Are you asleep with head out of window now?

Isn't it good of Tom. Agur to help you with insurance? He is a treasure. Did you write him to thank him?

I hope and hope for a transformer in Tom. I know it takes faith beyond reason, but being so far away I can have a little better faith.

I have heaps of paper napkins, and plenty of linen ones. There should not have been a cent of duty on them. Did they get there all right. I am going to protest at Washington if they did not. Please tell Aunt Lela to let me know. Did the little cushion get to her too?

Did package arrive in good condition?

I have an alcohol stove, and the chafing dish. I think I do not need any more - as we take a little charcoal when we want to make tea or a meal.

I will let you know if there is any chance I should want one.

We have no magnifying glass at present, but could best get that from Dr. W. & Co. when they

feel so perfectly.

Thank you for the word or two about financial matters. I do not mean to "bullen", but I am extremely interested and especially so I was a little "bullen" in planning the scheme. Is it easy there near enough to feed and clothe family with economy - or can't you tell on account of old debts?

So glad you are singing so much and are on nominating com. Thank you for songs. Wish I could have heard. So glad Dad could visit you too.

Heaps & heaps of love
Lottie

Wed. ev.

Dearest Marion,

Did you find a "North-Easter" in Boston? And did it pour there the way it did here? I hope not, but I fear. If you get wet, and cold, I shall not easily forgive myself. We miss you already.

We went to Hanover Hosp. after doing a few errands, and the look of joy on Mary Whitney's face when we came in, was pay enough for the journey to see her. She is very much alone in the world. She may be a parent on to-morrow.

We made two other calls, getting home before 5:00 - to get supper Mother was O.K.

I do hope you didn't suffer from
not being able to get word to the
folks that you were coming ~~to~~ ^{to} know
that you will write us all about it.

E and I have been to C. E. at Rydalen
(nine present) -

Now we shall count the days ^{!!!}
until you can come back to
us. Much much love and
oh so many thanks for - the
hundreds of stitches ^{taken} and disks
washed etc. etc. % Much
love to Carol and the boys
when you see them -

Lothe

I forgot ^{to enclose} these after all of
Everything Of here. Hope you
aren't working too hard,
Best Love III

Marion dear, you should not write me when you have so much to do. I know you have put too much work on the shirts, and I fear that the chick was far too small. I left it with Aunt Cile and I trust she has given it to you before now.

Was there enough cloth? Thank you for mailing it so early. Now I feel sure that it will come on to-morrow's mail.

How are you feeling? There are several Grisso's children here waiting on table, and they make me think of Polly. One girl, Ruth Dart, from West Africa can imitate African bird songs. I have not heard her, but the children have, and they say that it is great!

I am glad you have the little jobs, if you won't bend over and work too hard. Don't get too late for it! Do get out into the sun some and relax. I'd far rather pay you what you might earn on a couple of those jobs to have you go out that number of hours. Don't make fussing things. I am so slow! I shall have to learn to work faster in everything else.

I hope your foot will not suffer if you have to start the Rockport trip. Too bad about the cars. Many many thanks & much love to all.

Hope you find work

Don't get another small chick

Dear Marion -

Thanks for
your good letter.

Does Nellie seem all well?

Does she get tired easily?

Does she ever want to gaze at
things? I'm so glad she's
better. Now - don't tell
me to look out for myself
but you be careful. Your
letter sound as if you
were tired to death about
not out walking and
sitting and bathing and
eating and going by
stage -

Wish I could see Richard again
and see your manuscript.
Love, Nellie

Merion.

Friday night.

Dear Mammie;

Your letter was lovely and I'm going to write a little bit to you now in John's letter. I am having a very busy time. I go to bed very early by ten and don't get up till 7.30. We get through a delightful breakfast of fruit, cereal, meat, baked potatoes, toast, coffee and quiddle cakes about nine, take the baby out at about eleven and then come in to an equally delicious dinner. One afternoon we went to the H. G. O. P. 12th anniversary entertainment and luncheon. I went about 18 or 20 people some of whom had friends at college. This of course was pleasant. I have made two collars for Etha and one for myself which she gave me and I have also refilled my shirt waist vest which wrinkled badly in trunk.

Don't try to catch up my correspondence
here too. I shall stay till Monday as I have
only one recitation.

Clara is a dear and Ralph is nice, but
the boyish ways are not so nice as the lady
ways. I love to be with them tho'. The
old are as happy as little children.

Mamma dear, shall I order a room for
you and Tom for Commencement?
I hope that you can come, but I
shall not feel so awfully disappointed
if you can't as I should have done if
you hadn't been here once, but really
the Spring term is quite different and
I do hope that you can come and
see it then.

Kiss Richard for me - Give my
love to Tom

Hope that you'll have a nice time

Yours
Ruth.

Dearest Marion -

I have meant to write you each day - and each day I have not - the Thursday after you went in spent the day in Spain. It was a beautiful day - the country all around was bright and oh - it was so good to see the home scenery again. Aunt Grace was very nice. Uncle Howard had improved a great deal, and he and Allison talked a long while.

We called on Minnie's Waters (Tibbels) M. H. C. '05 - in the P.M. and saw her little baby - Eleanor. who is the class baby. I think - She has a beautiful home.

On Wednesday or Tuesday - I have forgotten which we walked to Osgood Corn. seeing Mrs Hale at Mrs Abner's. She said that Baby was lovely. We went to Halibut Point and the sky and sea were wonderful in coloring. We went to Sherburne Tuesday evening and then to watch meeting for awhile but returned home to "finish up."

I washed my pongee dress and pressed my blue waist and both came out beautifully. We started for Boston Sat 4 P. M. 9/12. and I bought a silk dress for spring at mark. down in Stearns. I got several other little things. We wanted to go to theater but decided that Aunt Ale might get annoyed

So we started out at 2.36 - and found Aunt Cole pretty miserable and little stiff suffering from Thanksgiving headache. Everything no body tho - and we enjoyed it immensely - Aunt Cole had Dr. ~~Warr~~. She had a substitute to care for Mrs. Curtis who was quite ill too, so we ran for all the time - The children were crazy over Alison & he seemed to like them about so well. We didn't go out at all except to take a little walk to get in Sunday and a short but delightful sleigh or snow. P.M.

I left Tuesday morning Miss Kearney in Boston - I feel as if I had had a month's vacation - and I'm really ready for work -
I am so glad we could be together

a little while -

I hope home folks will
send your letter about baby for I
haven't heard a word about him

Now Good Night with love.

I have two lessons to
get. Please send bill for my
two books as soon as possible

Love to all Lottie

Ind Eve.

Green Ridge

Dear Marion;

Enclosed find
check for \$1.63 which I have
been meaning to send for a
long time. I put some
money in bank to-day and
have the cutest, dearest little
bank, ^{book} and check book - I
just love to fol with it.

I spent yesterday with
Jennie - Mary and Charles
were ~~there~~ and Mr. & Mrs.

could have stopped you - but since
you did - it was a great pleasure
and comfort -

And I tell you that I sent a woman
on train - yes - I guess I did -

Baby was lovely - I mean to send
you the money for Jones & put yours
I'll have to wait till Nov. now tho

With much love

Love to Mom and all
to the.

Melius called.

I played tennis this AM.
and have studied some
and written four or five
letters.

I am nicely rested
now. Mark is going along
well.

Rather in haste you
see - but I must tell you
that I was so glad to
see you and baby in Boston.
I wouldn't have had you
come for the world if I

Mon. eve

Dear Marion;

I am sending
back papa's letter and poetry.
Aren't they fine!

How are you? I wish I were
near you so that I could drop
in and see you awhile. I
have been sitting with Miss
Pheonister all the evening
studying some and reading
some from Irving (Tales?
& Traveller) and Don Quixote.
That is the funniest book I
have ever seen. It is absolutely
funny. Have you
read any of it?

(Miss Pheonister had planned to go to Albany
to see Burnham - but was ill & couldn't.)

Tell Pa to send on the harmon-
piano to you - There will be
nobody to use it, if Ruth does
not come home till June -
till summer time ~~of~~
O.

Yes 10.30 - Thursday eve-
ning Good night for now.

Tues. P.m.

Round Robin has just
come and as I do not want
to keep this mortal you will
get that and as I am busy
I will send off just these
few words with much love
to Richard Town and
your dear self
L.R.